AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A medium for the detection and/or identification of a *Candida* yeast, the medium comprising: a chromogen; carbohydrate in the range 1-5gms/litre; and an alcohol; the medium being such that growth of the *Candida* yeast under appropriate conditions results in hydrolysis of the chromogen to generate a chromophore of a derived colour which is a different colour from that generated by hydrolysis of the chromogen in a standard medium comprising the same chromogen and carbohydrate, in the same concentrations, but without alcohol ~~which is essentially lacking an alcohol but otherwise identical to the medium of the invention~~.

2. (Original) A medium according to claim 1, wherein the chromogen is hydrolysed in the presence of *C. albicans* to give a chromophore with a derived colour.

3. (Currently Amended) A medium according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~comprising~~ ~~comprising~~ wherein the carbohydrate is present in an amount in the range 2-4gms/litre.

4. (Currently Amended) A medium according to ~~any one of claims 1, 2, or 3~~ claim 3, wherein the carbohydrate comprises ~~comprising~~ glucose.

5. (Currently Amended) A medium according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the carbohydrate comprises ~~comprising~~ malt extract.

6. (Currently Amended) A medium according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the alcohol is present in an amount ~~comprising an alcohol~~ in the range 1-10mls/1.

7. (Currently Amended) A medium according to claim 6, ~~comprising an~~ wherein the alcohol is present in an amount in the range 2-8mls/1.

8. (Currently Amended) A medium according to claim 7, wherein ~~comprising an~~ the alcohol is present in an amount in the range 5-7mls/1.

9. (Currently Amended) A medium according to claim 1, wherein the alcohol comprises ~~comprising~~ ethanol.

10. (Currently Amended) A medium according to claim 1, wherein the chromogen comprises ~~comprising~~ 5-bromo-4-chloro-3-indolyl N-acetyl β-D-glucosaminide or 5-bromo-6-chloro-3-indolyl phosphate *p* toluidine salt or 5-bromo-6-chloro-3-indolyl N-acetyl β-D-glucosaminide or X-Gal NAc (wherein Gal is galactose, NAc is an N-acetyl group and X is a chromophore) or 5-bromo-4-chloro-3-indolyl phosphate *p* toluidine salt or 6-chloro-3-indoxyl-phosphate.

11. (Currently Amended) A medium according to claim 1, further comprising one or more of the following: malic acid; peptones; and KH_2PO_4.

12. (Currently Amended) A method of detecting and/or identifying a *Candida* yeast in a sample, the method comprising the steps of: contacting the sample with a medium in accordance with ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1; incubating the medium, under appropriate conditions, to allow growth of the *Candida* yeast; and detecting the presence of a chromophore having a derived colour indicative of the presence of the *Candida* yeast.

13. (Original) A method of detecting and/or identifying *C. albicans* in accordance with claim 12.

14. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 12 ~~or 13~~, wherein the medium is incubated at a temperature in the range 30-37°C for ~~at least 24~~ no more than 36 hours.

15. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 14, wherein the medium is incubated at a temperature in the range 30-35°C for ~~at least 24~~ no more than 24 hours.

16. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any one of claims 12-15~~ claim 15, which distinguishes between *C. albicans, C. tropicalis* and *C. krusei.*

17-18 (Canceled).

19. (New) A medium in accordance with claim 1, wherein the alcohol includes at least about 85 percent by weight ethanol.

20. (New) A medium in accordance with claim 1, wherein the medium lacks a hexosaminide activator.